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British Medical Association

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, 1940

The Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, 1940.

RESOLUTIONS BY DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE BODY

RANK OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS IN THE R.A.M.C.

Motion by Birmingham Central: That (with reference to para. 15 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting is of the opinion that on joining the Forces during the present emergency the experience of general practitioners of over ten years' standing should be recognized by granting the rank of captain in the R.A.M.C., or equivalent rank in the other Services.

Motion by Birmingham Central: That (with reference to para. 15 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting is of opinion that the opportunities for promotion to Field rank in the case of general practitioners should be increased; and the Council be requested to take all possible steps to implement this recommendation.

ECONOMY IN USE OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Motion by Birmingham Central: That (with reference to para. 15 of the Annual Report of Council) the Council be instructed to satisfy itself that in order to safeguard the medical needs of the civil population due economy of medical personnel is observed by the Services and adequate use made of civilian medical practitioners for Home Service units.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

Motion by Birmingham Central: That (with reference to para. 17 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting regrets that the Association has not expressed an opinion on the efficiency of the present arrangements for the treatment of air raid casualties.

INSURANCE CAPITATION FEE

Motion by Birmingham Central: That (with reference to para. 32 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting considers that the increase in practice expenses and cost of living makes it imperative that a corresponding addition to the capitation fee shall be sought forthwith.

TREATMENT OF INSURED PERSONS INJURED IN AIR RAIDS

Motion by Bury: That in the opinion of this meeting insurance practitioners should not be required to undertake as part of their terms of service the treatment of insured persons injured in air raids.

MEDICAL WOMEN IN THE FORCES

Motion by City of Edinburgh: That (with reference to para. 15 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting is of opinion that the appointment of senior medical women to the Royal Naval Medical Service, the R.A.M.C., and the Royal Air Force Medical Service is an urgent necessity.

EXAMINATION OF WOMEN RECRUITS

Motion by City of Edinburgh: That (with reference to para. 15 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting is of opinion that the examination of women recruits should be made by medical boards and not by individual doctors.

MEDICINE AND THE PRESENT EMERGENCY

Motion by Dover and Folkestone: That a practical programme be drawn up to achieve the aims put forward in the manifesto entitled "Medicine and the Present Emergency" published in the *British Medical Journal* of August 5, 1939 (p. 296).

ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

Motion by East Yorkshire Branch: That until a decision is taken on any Motion under discussion no adjournment for refreshment be made unless a special resolution to that effect is carried by the meeting.

COMPENSATION TO PRACTITIONERS ENGAGED IN CIVIL DEFENCE WORK

Motion by Newcastle-upon-Tyne: That (with reference to para. 17 of the Annual Report of Council) any doctor injured in the course of his duties as a member of a civil defence organization should be entitled to pension and compensation at the same rate as a captain in the R.A.M.C.

CENTRAL MEDICAL WAR COMMITTEE

Motion by Torquay: That (with reference to para. 12 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting fears lest the ordinary work of the British Medical Association on behalf of the medical profession be stifled by the time devoted by our secretariat to the work of the Central Medical War Committee, and suggests that our secretaries, or at any rate one of them, be relieved of some of those responsibilities, so that the Association may be able to deal with current matters of medical policy and prepare for the post-war period.

RECRUITMENT FOR THE SERVICES

Motion by Torquay: That (with reference to para. 15 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting asks Council to consider the position of senior medical practitioners who join the Services later, after previous reservation by the Local Medical War Committee, and may find themselves junior in rank to a junior colleague who joined earlier. These men should be given, on joining, a rank not lower than captain or the equivalent to that in the Navy and Air Force.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Motion by Torquay: That (with reference to para. 16 of the Annual Report of Council) this meeting asks Council to consider the inadequacy of medical payments on the occupied-bed basis in the case of small hospitals.

The Home Secretary announces that Dr. Graham Campbell MacDiarmid, whose registered address is c/o New Zealand House, Strand, W.C.2, is no longer authorized to be in possession of and to supply any drug or preparation to which the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1937, or any drug to which the Raw Opium, etc., Regulations, 1937, apply.

Correspondence

Conscription of the Medical Profession

SIR,—The proposed conscription of the medical profession might have been expected to provoke an interesting discussion, but so far it has only produced a wail of self-pity. "Sufferer" (*Supplement*, April 6, p. 45) and others are at pains to point out that they and their kind are especially hard hit by the war, but on examination of their grievances the fact seems to emerge that they had taken out a long-term policy on the supposition that there would be no war and have now found that their calculations were wrong. Now when a man makes a business venture he does so presumably of his own free will and after weighing his chances. If he finds in the end that he has made a bad bargain he has to cut his losses, husband his remaining resources, and look around for a more favourable field for their employment. It would be useless for him to expect others to take on a share of his losses any more than they could expect a share of the profits if his schemes had borne fruit.

Nobody compels a man to take up the practice of medicine, and nobody obliges him to buy a partnership or practice with borrowed money. If he accomplishes all this according to plan, well and good; but if, on the contrary, his schemes go wrong it is quite useless to expect, as "sufferers" seem to expect, that banks should reduce the interest on loans, that insurance companies should reduce their premiums, and the Inland Revenue the rate of income tax, simply for the benefit of medical practitioners. This war must be won and the cost will be great. The public will doubtless remember those sections of the community which gave of their best willingly and those who gave grudgingly and with a howl of dismay.—I am, etc.,

April 17. W. J. BOLD.

Naval, Military, and Air Force Appointments

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

The appointments of Lieutenants T. O. McKane and S. J. Nathan have been ante-dated to May 1, 1938, and July 8, 1938, respectively, under the provisions of Article 36, Royal Warrant for Pay and Promotion, 1931, but not to carry pay and allowances prior to May 1, 1939.

The following Lieutenants to be Captains: T. O. McKane, with seniority May 1, 1939, and precedence next below Captain D. N. Parry; S. J. Nathan, with seniority July 8, 1939; J. S. F. Watson, with seniority November 1, 1939, and precedence next below Captain H. A. Bowker; J. B. M. Milne, with seniority November 1, 1939, and precedence next below Captain R. Welply; A. L. J. Webb, with seniority November 1, 1939, and precedence next below Captain A. Crook.

Lieutenants P. R. Wheatley, J. Montgomerie, J. P. X. Fox, D. J. Waterston, F. D. FitzG. Steede, R. L. Macpherson, J. G. Peacock, J. J. McGrath, H. McCann, and G. W. A. Gordon to be Captains.

Lieutenant J. A. Hart has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

The following temporary promotions have been made: Wing Commanders F. J. Murphy, P. A. Hall, T. McClurkin, and P. C. Livingston, O.B.E., to be Group Captains.

The following temporary promotions have been made: Squadron Leaders P. D. Barling, L. Freeman, J. Hutchieson, G. S. Strachan, A. L. St. A. McClosky, R. G. Freeman, and J. C. Neely to be Wing Commanders.

Flight Lieutenant V. H. Tompkins has been promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

Flight Lieutenant W. J. Lloyd has resigned his commission.

The following have been granted commissions as Flying Officers for the duration of hostilities: E. S. Nicholson, B. E. Finch, L. B. Furber, K. G. Irving, A. H. Jack, C. Joseph, R. S. Nicholson, I. H. Taylor, C. B. I. Willey, J. S. Wood, and D. S. Young.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major E. H. Marshall, D.S.O., T.D., from Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, to be Major.

Captain W. G. Platt to be Major.

Lieutenants (acting Majors) C. Cockburn and H. B. Porteous to be Captains, with seniorities November 3, 1939, and November 4, 1938, respectively.

The following Lieutenants to be Captains, with seniorities as indicated in parentheses: W. Lumsden and A. Young (November 1, 1938); A. T. Burn and R. M. Gray (November 2, 1938); G. J. H. L. Hall, J. P. W. Hughes, W. K. McCollum (November 4, 1938); J. Dobson (November 6, 1938); A. McD. Davies (August 3, 1939).

D. W. Davies to be Lieutenant. (Substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of July 25, 1939.)

Postgraduate News

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following courses: (1) M.R.C.P. course in diseases of the heart and lungs at London Chest Hospital, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 6 p.m., from May 29 to June 21; (2) M.R.C.P. course in neurology at West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, afternoons, June 3 to 14; (3) proctology at St. Mark's Hospital, daily for one week in July (dates to be announced shortly).

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, Ducane Road, W.—*Daily*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Clinics, Surgical Clinics and Operations, Obstetrical and Gynaecological Clinics and Operations. *Daily*, 1.30 to 2 p.m., Post-mortem demonstration. *Wed.*, 11.30 a.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Medical); 2 p.m., Pathology of Meningitis, Prof. J. H. Dible; 3 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Surgical). *Thurs.*, 2 p.m., Radiological Conference, Dr. Duncan White. *Fri.*, 2 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference (Gynaecological); 2.30 p.m., Sterility Clinic, Mr. V. B. Green-Armytage; 2.30 p.m., Ward Clinic, Dr. Hinds Howell.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—*Brompton Hospital*, S.W.—Mon. and Thurs., 5 p.m., M.R.C.P. Course in Chest Diseases.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.—*Tues.*, 2.30 p.m. Croonian Lecture by Dr. George Graham: A Survey of the Recent Work on Diabetes Mellitus.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 5.30 p.m. At Bland-Sutton Institute of Pathology, Middlesex Hospital, W. Demonstrations.

Section of Urology.—Thurs., 3 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers and council for 1940–1. Cases and specimens will be shown. Demonstration of instruments.

Section of Diseases in Children.—Fri., 2.45 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers and council for 1940–1. Cases will be shown.

Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine.—Fri., 5 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers and council for 1940–1. Paper by Dr. N. M. Goodman: The Teaching of Social Medicine. Followed by Miss Cherry Morris.

BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY: MEDICAL SECTION.—At 11, Chandos Street, W., *Wed.*, 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Anorexia Nervosa. Openers, Dr. S. W. Patterson for Sir Edmund Spriggs, and Dr. W. Clifford M. Scott.

CHADWICK TRUST.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, Gower Street, W.C., *Tues.*, 2.30 p.m. Prof. S. P. Bedson, F.R.S.: Human Virus Infections of Animal Origin: Their Mode of Spread and Control.

PADDINGTON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W., *Tues.*, 9 p.m. General meeting. Dr. C. J. Donelan (Ministry of Health): Epidemics in Wartime. All medical practitioners are invited to attend.

ROYAL INSTITUTION, 21, Albemarle Street, W.—*Tues.*, 5.15 p.m. Dr. L. H. Lampitt: Manufacture, Preservation, and Distribution of Food. *Fri.*, 9 p.m. Dr. L. C. Martin: Ultra-violet and Electron Microscopy.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At De Vere Hotel, Kensington, S.W., *Wed.*, 7 p.m. Dinner and special general meeting. 8 p.m. Discussion: Problems in the Treatment of Compound and Infected Fractures. Speaker, Mr. R. Watson Jones.

VACANCIES

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEON.—The appointment at Kirkmichael (Dumfriesshire) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Cleland House, Page Street, S.W.1, by May 28.

Diary of B.M.A. Central Meetings

MAY

24 Fri. Journal Board, 2 p.m.

JUNE

12 Wed. **Council**, 10 a.m.

B.M.A.: Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—At Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., Tuesday, May 21, 9 p.m. Dr. C. C. Worster-Drought will deliver his third address on the Neurology of War: War Neuroses.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—At B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, Tuesday, May 21, 9 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: WINCHESTER DIVISION.—At Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Friday, May 24, 8.30 p.m. Dr. C. P. Pinckney (London): Pyloric Stenosis of Infancy.

SURREY BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—At East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, Tuesday, May 21, 8.45 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, etc. Dr. C. S. Crichton, chairman of the Local Medical War Committee, will speak on the work of that Committee. Members and non-members of the B.M.A. are invited to attend.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: SWINDON DIVISION.—At Victoria Hospital, Swindon, Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers, etc.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements under this heading is 10s. 6d. This amount should be forwarded with the notice, authenticated with the name and address of the sender, and should reach the Advertisement Manager not later than the first post Tuesday morning to ensure insertion in the current issue.

DEATHS

ROBERTSON.—On May 9, 1940, at St. Catharine's House, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Robert Robertson, M.D., J.P., C.A., aged 87.

TUNNICLIFFE.—May 9, 1940, at Ingleside, Loughborough, Leicestershire, Stuart Lyell Tunnicliffe, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., aged 36, husband of Irene Muriel Tunnicliffe, M.B., Ch.B. (*née* Neal).